

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, delete ~~"Description"~~;

between lines 2 and 3, insert the following centered heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--, and insert thereafter as a left justified subheading --Field of the Invention--; and

between lines 16 and 17, insert as a left justified subheading --Description of the Related Art--.

Page 5, above line 1, insert as a centered heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 12 and 15-18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and insert the following new claims in lieu thereof.

-19. A process for producing substantially spherical aluminum beads, comprising the steps of:

(a) passing an acidic aluminum oxide sol or an acidic aluminum oxide suspension having a viscosity of 10 to 500 mP's through a vibrating nozzle plate so as to form falling hydrosol droplets,

wherein the nozzle plate is vibrated at a frequency of 10 Hz to 20,000 Hz, and has at least two nozzles,